

## General Information

- All Yellow Penalty Areas (YPA) on the course are also No Play Zones (NPZ). There are 6 YPAs on the course. You cannot play your ball out of an NPZ. You also cannot play from any bridges that in or above the NPZ. You must take relief under Rule 17.1d. For the NPZs on Holes 11 and 15 you may also take relief using the optional drop zone on the tee box side of the YPA/NPZ.
- If your ball clears the YPA/NPZ but bounces back into the YPA/NPZ, you must take relief on the tee box side of the YPA/NPZ.
- There are two RPAs on the course that are also NPZs: Hole 5 (in front of the gold tee box) and Hole 11 (in front of the white tee box and down the left side of the hole). You cannot play your ball in the NPZ, but you may take lateral relief under Rule 17.1d(3) from where the ball last crossed the boundary of the RPA/NPZ.
- If your ball is outside an NPZ, but the NPZ interferes with your stance or swing, you MUST take either free relief under Rule 16.1b, c or d OR take unplayable ball relief (1 stroke penalty) under Rule 17.1e. If you stand in a NPZ and play your ball or if your club touches anything in the NPZ on your swing, you have played from a “Wrong Place” and you get a 2-stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play.
- There are at least 60 Red Penalty Areas in play at CFN.
- There are numerous islands of ornamental grasses throughout the course. These areas are part of the General Area; they are not Penalty Areas.
- Not all penalty areas are marked. In some cases, we have to use narrative descriptions to define where the edge of the penalty area is located. These narrative descriptions can be any one of the following:
  - Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the (Red or Yellow) Penalty Area is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
  - Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the (Red or Yellow) Penalty Area is on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
  - Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area...is located two-club lengths from the waterline.
- There are 12 holes on the course where out of bounds may come into play. Out of bounds is typically marked with white stakes. In the absence of white stakes placed by CFN, a property stake would substitute for the missing white stake. Where there is both a white stake and a property stake, the white stake would override the property stake.
- Out of bounds is also defined as the edge of all public roads and sidewalks bordering the course. Where ponds run parallel to property lines, the OB line follows the far edge of the waterline.

## Hole 1

- The Yellow Penalty Area (YPA) in front of teeing areas is also a No Play Zone (NPZ), which includes the bridge inside the YPA/NPZ. Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the YPA/NPZ on this hole is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- If the tee shot does not clear the YPA/NPZ you must take Penalty Relief under Rule 17.1d(1 or 2) (See Appendix).
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all Red and Yellow Penalty Areas on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- There is OB marked with white stakes along the left side of hole and behind the Green.



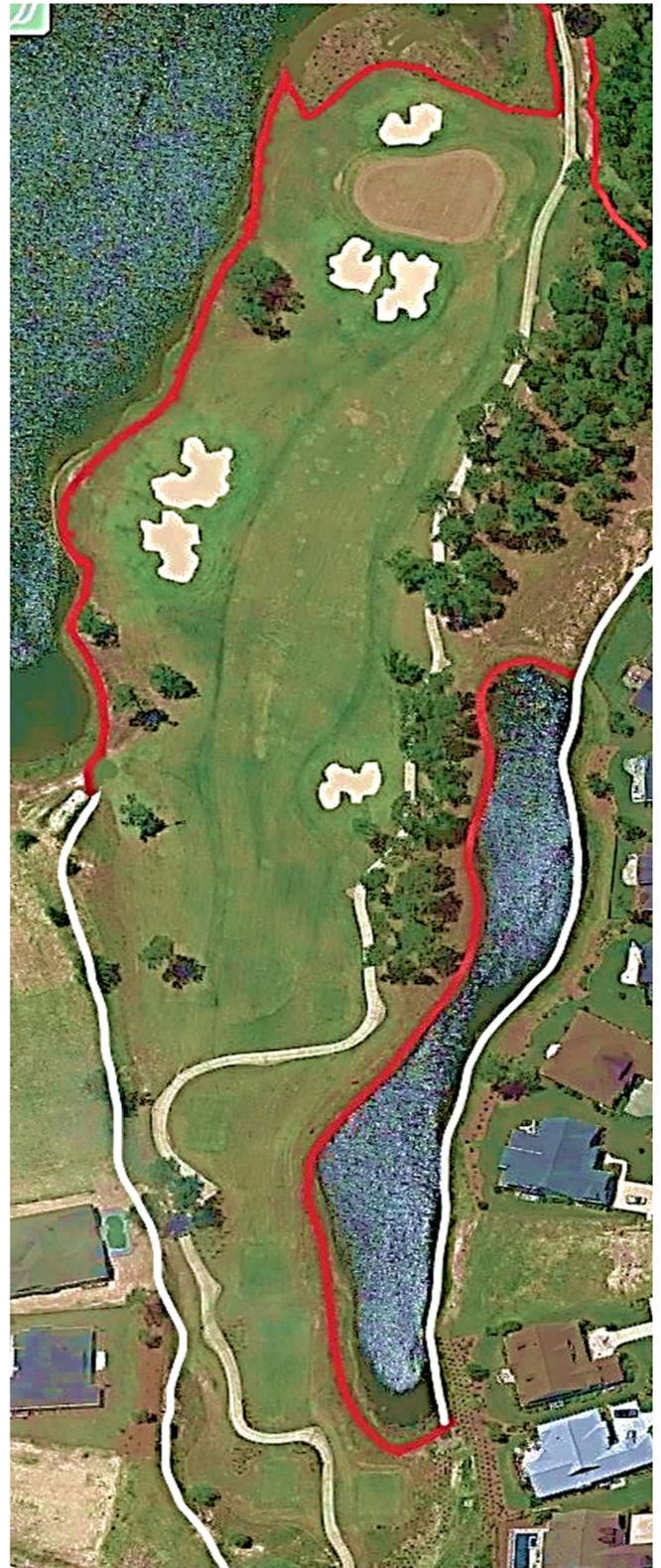
## Hole 2

- **Out of Bounds (OB)** runs along the entire left and right side of hole, The OB is marked by white stakes, except the OB to right side of the two ponds will not be staked or ground painted. The OB follows the far edge of the waterline.
- The edge of the **Red Penalty Area (RPA)** near the two ponds right of the fairway is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the RPA near the pond left of the Green is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- The area over the green and left of the cart path up to the course-side edge of the sidewalk is in the **General Area**. Beyond the course-side edge of the sidewalk is OB.



### Hole 3

- There is OB marked by white stakes left of the teeing areas that extends to the Red Penalty Area (RPA) left of the fairway.
- Unless Otherwise Marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) near the pond to the right of the teeing areas and fairway is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- The OB to right side of the pond will not be staked or ground painted. The OB follows the edge of the far side of the waterline.
- Unless Otherwise Marked, the edge of the RPA of the pond left of the hole is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass. If there is no ground condition transition in some spots, then the edge of the penalty area is located on the top area where the ground slopes down to form the depression that holds the water.
- The wooded area right of the fairway and beyond the pond is in the General Area. If a player's ball is lost in this area, you must take penalty relief under Rule 18.2 (lost ball/OB) or proceed under Local Rule E-5 (See Appendix).
- There is a RPA to the right of the back half of the green where the woods and scrub become more dense. Unless Otherwise Marked, the edge of the RPA is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass or trees.



## Hole 4

- The Waste Area in front of the tees and extending along the right side of the fairway up to the edge of the Green is in the General Area (it is not a bunker). You may ground your club anywhere in the Waste Area.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) along the pond left of the fairway is two-club lengths from the water's edge.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- There is OB marked by white stakes left of the approach to the Green and directly left of the Green.



## Hole 5

- The Red Penalty Area (RPA)/No Play Zone in front of Teeing Area extends past the pond on the left side of the hole (marked with red stakes with green tops) where it transitions to just a red penalty area left and behind the green.
- Unless Otherwise Marked, all RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



## Hole 6

- There is Out of Bounds (OB) marked by white stakes starting left of the fairway, past the pond to the left side of the teeing areas.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) left of the fairway is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the penalty area for all other RPAs on this hole is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



## Hole 7

- There is OB marked by white stakes on the left side of the hole that extends to the back left of the Green.
- The waste area in front of the tees and extending left and along the entire right side of the hole is in the General Area (it is not a bunker). You can ground your club anywhere in the waste area.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) right of Waste Area and left of the pond is located on the top flat area where the ground slopes down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the penalty area for all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



## Hole 8

- There is Out of Bounds (OB) marked by white stakes on the left side of the fairway that starts up past the pond on the left, and continues past the left side of the Green.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) for the pond right of the fairway and Green is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the penalty area for all other RPAs on this hole is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



## Hole 9

- The Yellow Penalty Area (YPA) directly in front of the tees is also a No Play Zone (NPZ); which includes the bridge in the YPA/NPZ.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the YPA/NPZ is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- **Change for 2026: We are reverting back to the 2024 markings which sets a RPA right of the cart path.**
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all Red Penalty Areas (RPAs) on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- There is Out of Bounds (OB) marked with white stakes and/or property fences/stakes right of the RPA near the Green. It must be Known or Virtually Certain that your ball came to rest in the RPA to take penalty relief under Rule 17.1d(1, 2 or 3); otherwise, you must take penalty relief under Rule 18.2 (lost ball/OB) or proceed under Local Rule E-5 (See Appendix).
- If a ball is lost outside a PA or is OB right of the Green, the player must take relief under Rule 18.2 or Local Rule E-5 (See Appendix).



## Hole 10

- The Yellow Penalty Area (YPA) directly in front of the tee boxes is also a No Play Zone (NPZ), which includes the bridge inside the YPA/NPZ. Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the YPA/NPZ is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- If the tee shot does not clear the YPA/NPZ you must take Penalty Relief under Rule 17.1d (1 or 2) (See Appendix). There is no drop area.
- The sink well left of the fairway and right of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) is Ground Under Repair (GUR) and free relief may be taken under Rule 16.1 (See Appendix). It must be Known or Virtually Certain (KVC) that the ball is in this GUR.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the RPAs left of the fairway & right of the wooded area and behind the green is where the ground conditions transition, from rough to higher scrub grass.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the RPA near the pond left of the fairway bunkers and left of the Green is located two-club lengths from the waterline.
- Out of Bounds (OB) runs along the entire right side of hole and is marked with white stakes.
- The area between cart path and the OB is in the General Area (it is NOT an RPA).



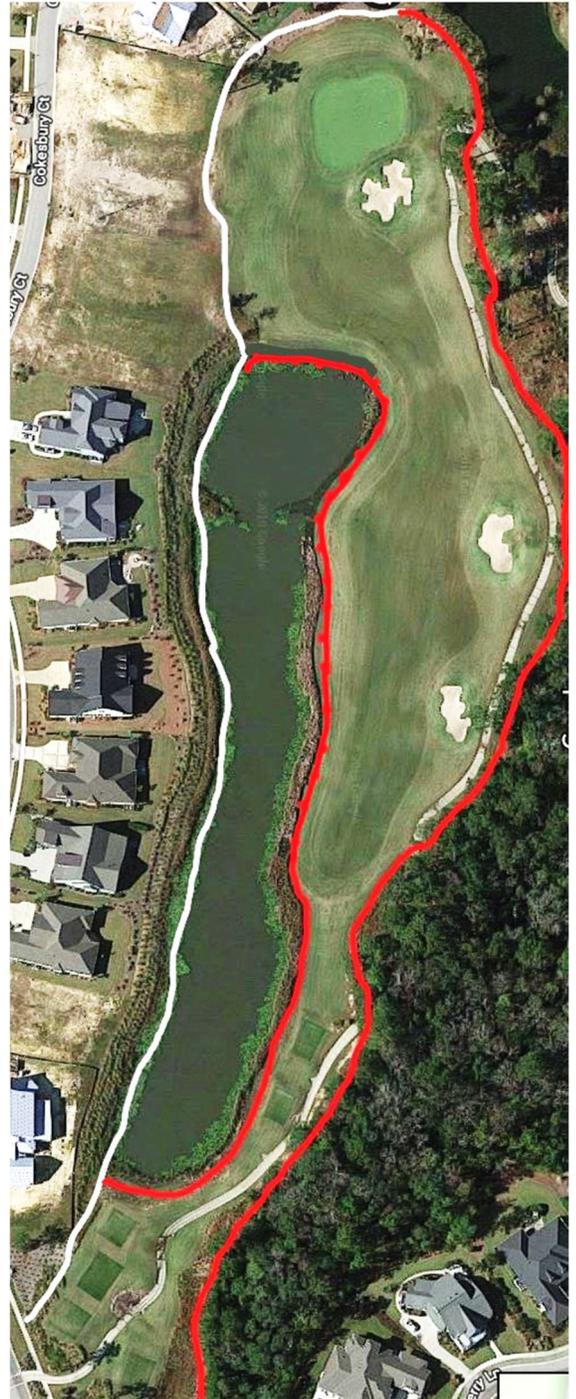
## Hole 11

- The Yellow Penalty Area (YPA) at the end of the first fairway is also a No Play Zone (NPZ). *Unless Otherwise Marked*, the edge of the YPA/NPZ is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- There is OB all down the right side of the hole. The OB on the right side of the pond right of the second fairway follows the far edge of the waterline.
- There is an optional drop zone on the tee box side of the YPA/NPZ that may be used as an additional relief option for balls hit into the YPA/NPZ. The drop zone may not be used for balls hit in the Red Penalty Area/No Play Zone (RPA/NPZ) or if hit OB. If a ball is OB or lost outside a PA, players must proceed under Rule 18.2 or Local Rule E-5 (See Appendix). If a ball is in the RPA/NPZ, the player must take penalty relief under Rule 17.1d (1-3).
- The entire left side of the hole up to the pond left of the green is now a no play zone. The area right of the pond (as you face it) to the sidewalk is only a Red Penalty Area. (not an NPZ).
- **New for 2026: From the edge of the bridge exit, to where the cart path bends to the left – if a player needs to take penalty relief, a player may drop his ball to the right of the cart path next to the penalty/no play zone. The drop should occur within two-club lengths on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down toward the cart path. At no point is the drop to occur on the fairway.**
- Unless Otherwise Marked, the edge of the RPA on the right side of the second fairway is on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless Otherwise Marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass or trees.
- There is OB over the Green at the course-side edge of the sidewalk.



## Hole 12

- On this hole, it is allowable to play from the bridge inside the Red Penalty Area (RPA) – but since the bridge is in the penalty area, there is no free relief from the bridge or any support structures on the bridge.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the RPA bordering the pond left of the fairway is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass or trees.
- There is OB down the entire left side of the hole and continuing behind the Green.
- The OB to left side of pond follows the far edge of the waterline.



## Hole 13

- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) for the pond just in front of the tees is located two-club lengths from the waterline.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



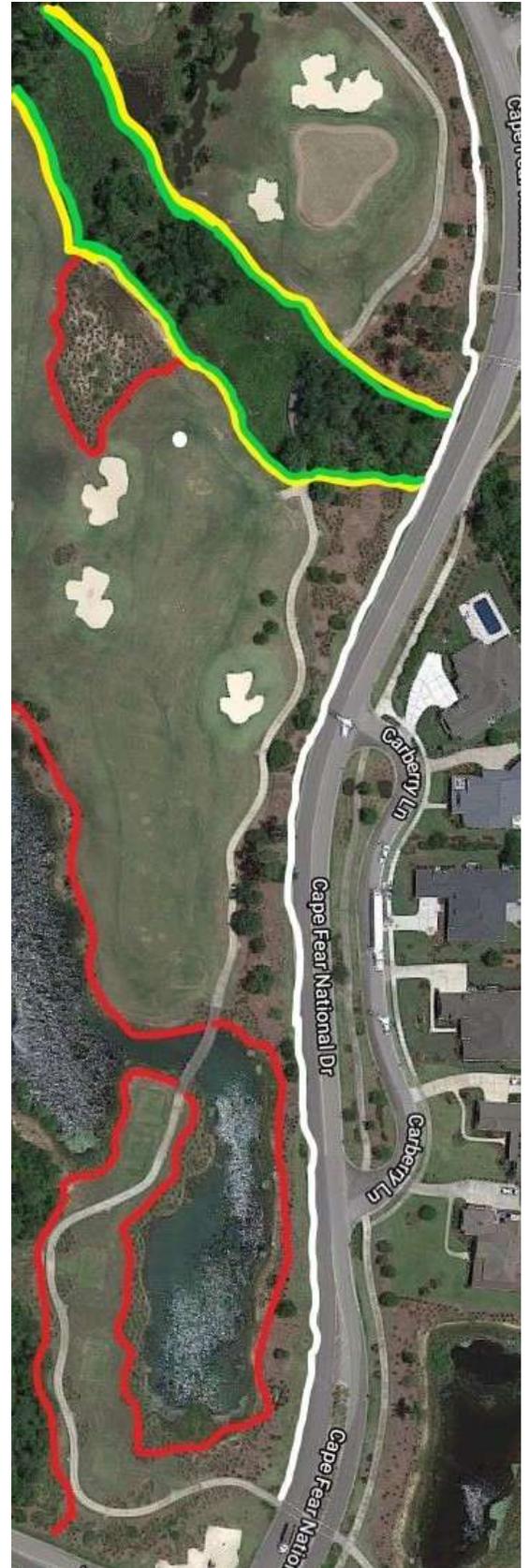
## Hole 14

- The Waste Area in front of the tees and extending along the entire right side of the hole is in the General Area (it is not a bunker). You may ground your club anywhere in the Waste Area.
- Unless otherwise marked, the Red Penalty Area (RPA) right of Waste Area is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



## Hole 15

- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- The area right of the fairway between the cart path and the OB, is in the General Area. It is not a penalty area. If a player's ball is lost in this area, you must take penalty relief under Rule 18.2 (lost ball/OB) or proceed under Local Rule E-5 (See Appendix).
- The edge of the OB along Cape Fear National Drive right of hole is on the golf course side edge of the sidewalk. If no sidewalk is present, the OB is on the golf course side of the edge of Cape Fear National Drive.
- The Yellow Penalty Area (YPA) at the end of the fairway is also a NPZ, which includes the bridge inside the YPA/NPZ. Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the YPA/NPZ is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- The YPA/NPZ extends continuously through the 15th fairway to the front of the 16th hole tee box. The area above the YPA/NPZ and left of the 15th green is in the General Area.
- The Drop Zone located on the tee box side of the YPA/NPZ may be used as an additional relief area for any ball hit into the YPA/NPZ.
- The drop zone may not be used for balls hit OB right of the fairway. If the ball is OB or lost outside a PA, players must proceed under Rule 18.2 or Local Rule E-5 (See Appendix).



## Hole 16

- The Yellow Penalty Area (YPA) in front of tees is also a No Play Zone (NPZ), which includes the bridge inside the YPA/NPZ. Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the YPA/NPZ is where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- There is an access road between the RPA and the YPA/NPZ in front of the tees. This access road is in the General Area. This will allow for a legal relief area if a tee shot is hit straight over the YPA and directly into the RPA.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the RPA near the ponds right and left of the fairway is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- The edge of the RPA left of the green-side bunker is located two-club lengths from the waterline.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.
- The RPA right of the cart path as you approach the cart parking area for the 16<sup>th</sup> green, continues straight across and over the cart path at the junction of the two paths. The path leading to the 17<sup>th</sup> tee is in the RPA and there is no free relief for a ball resting on that cart path because it is inside the RPA.
- Unless otherwise marked, the RPA for the pond right of the green is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.



## Hole 17

- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) right of the fairway is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass or trees.



## Hole 18

- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of the Red Penalty Area (RPA) right of the pond is located on the top flat area where the ground starts to slope down to form the depression that holds the water.
- Unless otherwise marked, the edge of all other RPAs on this hole are where the ground conditions transition from rough to higher scrub grass.



## Appendix

### Rules & Abbreviations Referenced in This Document

#### Rules

- Rule 16.1 – **Free Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions** – If a player’s ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition on the course, the player may take free relief by dropping a ball in a relief area.
- Rule 17.1d - **Relief for Ball in Penalty Area** - If a player’s ball is in a *penalty area*, including when it is *known or virtually certain* to be in a *penalty area* even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:
  - Rule 17.1d(1) - **Stroke-and-Distance Relief**. The player may play the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made.
  - Rule 17.1d(2) - **Back-On-the-Line Relief**. The player may drop the original ball or another ball in a relief area that is based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
  - Rule 17.1d(3) - **Lateral Relief (Only for Red Penalty Area)**. When the ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in this lateral relief area:
    - **Reference Point**: The estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area.
    - **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point**: Two club-lengths, but no closer to the hole.
- Rule 18.2 - **What to Do When Ball Is Lost or Out of Bounds**
  - If a ball is *lost* or *out of bounds*, the player must take *stroke-and-distance* relief by adding **one penalty stroke** and playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous *stroke* was made, or use...
- Local Rule E-5– **Alternative to Stroke & Distance Relief for Lost Ball or Out of Bounds**
  - When a player’s ball is found OB, or after a 3-minute search it is lost anywhere on the course EXCEPT in a penalty area, the player may proceed as follows as an alternative to the stroke and distance option under Rule 18. For 2 penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping in a relief area. The relief area is determined by:
    - Determine where the original ball last crossed the edge of the OB boundary or where the ball was estimated to be lost on the course (Ball Reference Point).
    - Determine the point on the fairway that is nearest to the Ball Reference Point but not nearer the hole (Fairway Reference Point).
    - The size of the relief area is determined by drawing an imaginary line from the hole through the Ball Reference Point and another through the Fairway Reference Point, (and within two club lengths to the outside of that line).
    - The player now may drop a ball anywhere within that area (the area will be large).

Note: If a player decides to hit a provisional ball, he forfeits the right to use Local Rule E-5 as an option

## **Abbreviations**

- **PA: Penalty Area** - A penalty area is: Any body of water on the course (whether or not marked by the Committee), including a sea, lake, pond, river, ditch, surface drainage ditch or other open watercourse (even if not containing water), and any other part of the course the Committee defines as a penalty area.
  - **YPA: Yellow Penalty Area**
  - **RPA: Red Penalty Area**
- **GA: General Area** - The area of the course that covers all of the course except for the other four defined areas: (1) the teeing area the player must play from in starting the hole he or she is playing, (2) all penalty areas, (3) all bunkers, and (4) the putting green of the hole the player is playing. The general area includes: All teeing locations on the course other than the teeing area, and all wrong greens.
- **KVC: Known or Virtually Certain** - The standard for deciding what happened to a player's ball – for example, whether the ball came to rest in a penalty area, whether it moved or what caused it to move. Known or virtually certain means more than just possible or probable. It means that either: 1) There is conclusive evidence that the event in question happened to the player's ball, such as when the player or other witnesses saw it happen, or 2) Although there is a very small degree of doubt, all reasonably available information shows that it is at least 95% likely that the event in question happened.
- **OB: Out of Bounds** - All areas outside the boundary edge of the course as defined by the Committee. All areas inside that edge are in bounds.
- **NPZ: No Play Zone** - A part of the course where the Committee has prohibited play. A no play zone must be defined as part of either an abnormal course condition or a penalty area.
- **DZ: Drop Zone** – A specific area on the course designated by the Committee as an additional option when taking relief.